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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EALR, EMIN, ETRD, AS
SUBJ: IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION

REF: STATE 62802

1. IN ABSENCE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMPHREYS, EMBASSY REQUESTED GOA REACTION TO SOME FORM OF U.S. INFORMAL OR OBSERVER ATTENDANCE IN FUTURE MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING GENEVA MINISTERIAL, OF PROPOSED IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION IN MARCH 21 LETTER TO HUGHES, ECONOMIC POLICY BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HUGHES ASKED FOR TIME TO CONSIDER GOA POSITION, AND EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED HIS MARCH 24 LETTER GIVING GOA REACTION.
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2. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF LETTER FOLLOW: QTE AS WE
DISCUSSED, I THINK ANY PROPOSAL FOR UNITED STATES TO BE
REPRESENTED AT GENEVA MINISTERIAL MEETING OF IRON ORE
EXPORTING COUNTRIES WOULD NEED IN FIRST INSTANCE TO
BE ADDRESSED TO INDIA AS CONVENOR OF MEETING.
QTE YOU WILL BE AWARE OF COURSE THAT ATTENDNACE AT
PREVIOUS MEETINGS HAS BEEN CONFINED TO COUNTRIES
INTERESTED IN JOINING AN ASSOCIATION. IN YOUR LETTER
OF 21 MARCH YOU NOTED U.S. MEMBERSHIP WOULD NOT BE
APPROPRIATE OR FEASIBLE.
QTE THE QUESTION OF US PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE MEETINGS
OF AN ASSOCIATION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED
BY THE ASSOCIATION. THERE IS NO PROVISION IN DRAFT
AGREEMENT FOR NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES TO BE INVITED TO
ATTEND PARTICULAR MEETINGS AND FOR CONSULTATIONS TO BE
ARRANGED BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES.
QTE WE WELCOME UNITED STATES INTEREST IN GENEVA MEETING
AND IF YOU WISHED, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS THE
SUBJECT WITH YOU IN CANBERRA FOLLOWING THE MEETING.
END QTE

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: OUR REQUEST FOR GOA REACTION TO
U.S. ATTENDANCE APPARENTLY STARTLED DFA, WHICH EVIDENTLY
HAD NEVER GIVEN MATTER ANY PRIOR THOUGHT. HUGHES'
LETTER SEEMS TO AVOID COMMITTING GOA TO ANY POSITION ON
POSSIBLE USG INVOLVEMENT IN PROPOSED ASSOCIATION.
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